solely depend upon rainfed agriculture, if so, the details of the provision made for storage tanks for community facility and live-stocks for the benefit of SC/ST?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extent of irrigation in the NES Blocks, i e , less than 30 per cent of cultivated area served by assured means of irrigation, is the criterion for inclusion of the Blocks in the project

(c) Within the identified Blocks specific provision has been made that group of villages having preponderance of small ad marginal farmers, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes should get priority in selection of the Micro Watershed for the project

(d) Micro watersheds have been selected in the blocks located in predominantly rainfed taluks of Perambur and Ariyalur in Tiruchirapalli District of Tamil Nadu Fifty per cent of the project cost has been ear-marked for development of common property resources and treatment of drainage lines on which a series of small storage structures are provided in the project design for multiple uses by the Watershed Community

Package of Benefits to Farmers

*36 KUMARI ALIA. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to announce a package of benefits to the farmers,

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b) The Government is formulating a comprehensive Agricultural Policy to bring about an accelerated pace of development in agriculture and allied activities, and to ensure that the benefits from such development reach all sections of rural society

(c) Efforts are being made to finalise the policy as early as possible

Suspension/Termination of trains to Ayodhya on the occasion of 'Karseva'

*37 SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) the number of passenger/goods trains suspended or terminated at their intermediate journeys, in the context of preventing traffic to Ayodhya on the occasion of Karseva there on the 30th October, 1990;

(b) the number of days of suspension/termination in each case,

(c) the overall total loss to the Railways as a result thereof, and

(d) the reasons for which the passenger trains could not be terminated at the pre-declared stations so that passengers would not have embarked and got harassed by the unexpected mid-way termination of the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) 84 pairs of trais

(b) It varied from one day to seventeen days

(c) While it is not possible to quantify the losses precisely, they are estimated to be approximately Rs 25 crores

(d) To the extent cancellation or termination short of destination could